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MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT

The following Bill was introduced in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on the **26th March, 2026** is published under Rule **117** of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rules :—

L. A. BILL No. XXII OF 2026.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.

Mah. VI of 2017.

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Public Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2026.

Mah. VI of 2017.

Amendment of section 2 of Mah. VI of 2017.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), after clause (*36*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

"(*36A*) "MahaSARC" means the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council as specified under section 77A;".

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Amendment of section 5 of Mah. VI of 2017.

3. In section 5 of the principal Act,—

(*1*) after clause (*80*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely : –

"(*80A*) to take necessary steps for effective implementation of any Educational Policy prescribed by the Central Government and adopted by the State Government, from time to time;";

(*2*) in clause (*81*), after the words "of the university" the words "and any other directives issued under this Act" shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 13 of Mah. VI of 2017.

4. In section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (*12*), for the word "Chancellor" the words "Management Council" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 15 of Mah. VI of 2017.

5. In section 15 of the principal Act, after sub-section (*4*), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :–

"(*4A*) The Vice-Chancellor may appoint, a suitable person qualified to be appointed as Dean when the office of the Dean falls vacant or when the Dean is by reason of illness or absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, for a period not exceeding six months, to officiate as Dean, till the Dean resumes his office, or a new Dean assumes duty, as the case may be.".

Amendment of section 62 of Mah. VI of 2017.

6. In section 62 of the principal Act, in sub-section (*2*), for the words "three months" the words "six months" shall be substituted.

Insertion of new section 77A in Mah. VI of 2017.

7. After section 77 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council.

"77A. (*1*) There shall be a Council to be called as the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council (MahaSARC) to advise the Commission and its Board of Management for framing policies in respect of academic and research matters in higher education and also to give directives to the university in academic matters.

(*2*) The composition, functions and duties of the MahaSARC and procedure for conduct of business of its meetings and such other matters as may be prescribed by the State Government.

(*3*) The MahaSARC shall submit a yearly report of its activities, to the Commission.

(*4*) The directives of the MahaSARC in respect of all academic matters shall be binding upon the Academic Council, Faculty and Board of Studies of the university.".

Amendment of section 100 of Mah. VI of 2017.

"8. In section 100 of the principal Act, in sub-section (*5*), in clause (*a*), in proviso, for the words "the Chancellor" the words "the Government" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. VI of 2017) is enacted, to provide for academic autonomy and excellence, adequate representation through democratic process, transformation, strengthening and regulating higher education and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. For effective implementation of the National Education Policy, 2020 and to strengthen the governance, structure of university and make it able to improve the quality of higher education and research, the Government considers it expedient to amend the said Act.

2. The salient features of the proposed amendments are as follows, namely :—

(*i*) section 5 of the said Act is amended to provide the university to take necessary steps for effective implementation of any Educational Policy prescribed by the Central Government and adopted by the State Government;

(*ii*) sub-section (*12*) of section 13 of the said Act is amended to provide for removal of Pro-Vice-Chancellor by the Management Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor;

(*iii*) section 15 of the said Act, is amended to insert sub-section (*4A*) to provide for appointment of Dean for the period not exceeding six months, in case the office of the Dean falls vacant by the reason of illness or absence or any other cause;

(*iv*) section 77A is inserted in the said Act to provide for provision of the constitution of the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council to advise the Maharashtra State Commission for Higher Education and Development and its Board of Management.

The Government also considers it expedient to amend section 2, sub-section (*2*) of section 62 and section 100 of the said Act, suitably.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

Mumbai,

Dated the 13th March 2026.

CHANDRAKANT (DADA) PATIL,

Minister for Higher and Technical Education.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The Bill involves the following proposal for delegation of legislative power, namely :—

Clause 7(*2*).- Under this clause, power is taken to the State Government to prescribe by rules the composition, functions and duties of the MahaSARC and procedure for conduct of business of its meeting.

2. The above-mentioned proposal for delegation of legislative power is of a normal character.

Vidhan Bhavan :
Mumbai,
Dated the 16th March, 2026.

JITENDRA BHOLE,
Secretary-1,
Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.

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